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SMITH HOUSE
(Mid-19th Century)
Dunkirk
Private

This is one of several Smith family houses built in the mid-19th century on land granted to Thomas Smith in 1670. During the 19th and early 20th centuries, this area was called Smithville. Like some of the other homes, the W. D. Smith house possessed a certain elegance and, in spite of alterations, has retained elements of both middle and late Victorian decoration.

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

During the middle of the 19th Century, the area which is now called Dunkirk was then known as Smithville. The members of the Smith family from which the area derived its name were numerous. Many homes in this region are connected with the Smiths and have been since Thomas Smith first received a grant for Highland and Smiths Chance in 1670. It was not uncommon for the land to be subdivided among children and by 1860, the original Smith tracts of well over three hundred acres had been subdivided into several "Smith" farms. Smith family papers show that this house was the home of William Daniel Smith, 1830- C. 1915. He was a son of Fielder Bowie Smith of Highlands (CLVT -3)

Mrs. Kenneth Ward a decendant has a deed in her possession which shows that William D. Smith sold the house in 1881. The aluminum siding and interior changes make it somewhat difficult to determine the original appearance. The nearly square center section with its end hall, equilateral hipped roof and bracketed eaves has the same Italianate appearance as the house Thomas Smith built to replace "Whitehall" (CLVT-). The two story swell front with its pronounced gable suggests the late Victorian as do the East Lake type mantles and entrance. Some of these materials are said to have been saved from an earlier building which was destroyed by fire. These would not include those things reflecting East Lake influence.

The interior has much to suggest earlier elegance. In addition to the five fireplaces, there is a curved hung stair plus there are corner blocks and molding with carved floral designs. Later and less elegant but still of character are other materials like vertical tongue and groove wainscoting in the kitchen and dining room where there is also evidence of a pressed tin ceiling. Much of the floors, hardware and glass are late 19th Century if not original.

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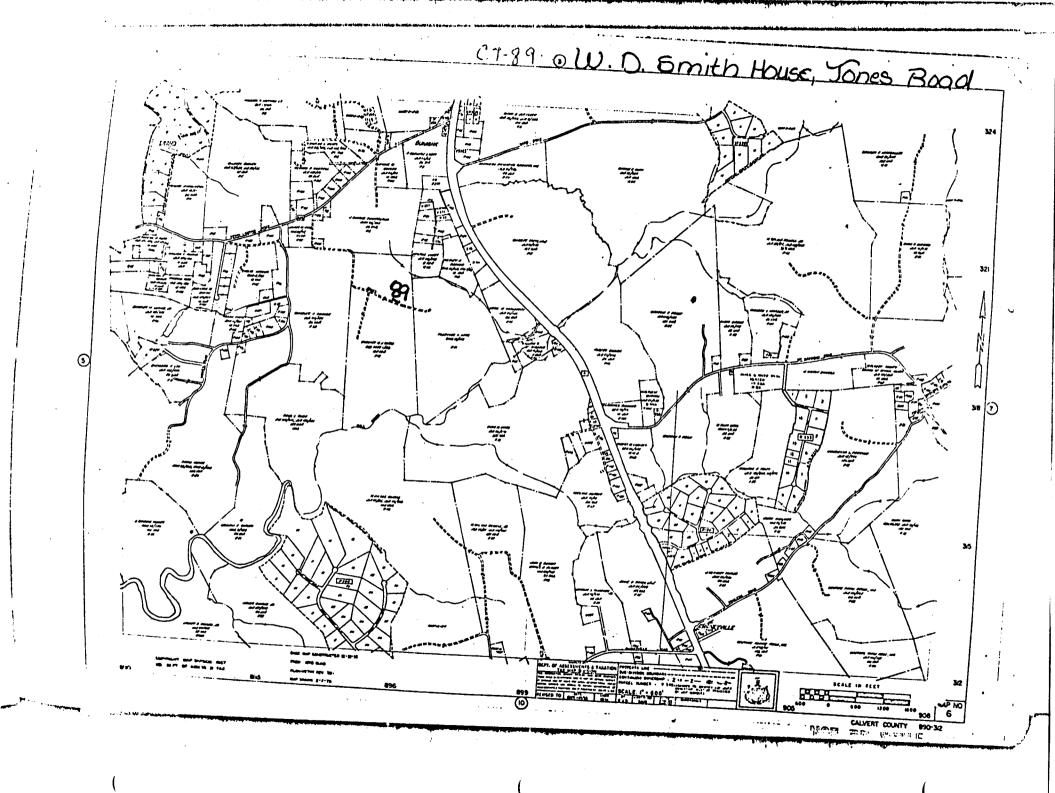
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